

US Application No. 07/996,771
Amendment dated September 7, 2011
Reply to Office Action dated August 23, 2011

REMARKS

The preceding claim amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response to the Ex Parte Quayle Action mailed August 23, 2011. Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the indication that claims 5-9, 11-17 and 19-28 have been deemed allowable. By this Amendment, claims 1, 29, 30, 36, 40-43, and 46-50 have been canceled. The present amendment introduces no new matter, and thus, its entry is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the present Amendment, only allowable claims 5-9, 11-17 and 19-28 will remain pending.

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As noted in the Office Action, claims 1, 5-9, 11-17, 19-32, 36, 40-43, and 46-50 had been deemed allowable in an Office Communication dated April 26, 1994, but prosecution had been suspended due to Interference No. 103,419 (involving claims 1, 29, 30, 36, 40-43, and 46-50) and Interference No. 103,420 (involving claims 5-9, 11-17, and 19-28). Interference No. 103,419 was decided in favor of Senior Party Landegren in a decision dated July 19, 1999, thus deeming Applicant not entitled to a patent for claims 1, 29, 30, 36, 40-43, and 46-50. Interference No. 103,420 was decided in favor of Applicant (Wallace) in a decision dated September 26, 2000. The Office Action notes that Applicant is therefore entitled to a patent for claims 5-9, 11-17, and 19-28, and indicates that remaining claims 1, 29, 30, 36, 40-43, and 46-50

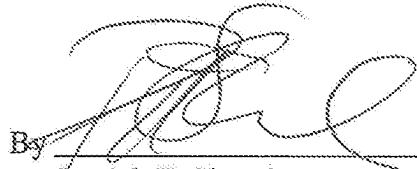
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must be canceled. In light of the cancellation of these claims, all outstanding formal matters have been overcome and the instant application is in condition for allowance.

No fee is believed due in connection with the filing of this paper. However, if any fee is deemed necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge such fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if it is deemed to expedite allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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